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For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 2 June	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$8.00	11.00 am
Thursday 6 June	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 20 June	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 28 June	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u> More information on page 5	
Thursday 4 July	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 7 July	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$8.00	11.00 am
Sunday 14 July	<u>"Midwinter Sunday Brunch"</u> Cost: Members \$12.00 Guests: \$15.00	10.00 am
Thursday 18 July	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly) Cost: \$8.00	Shop open
Friday 26 July	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u> More information on page 5	
Sunday 4 August	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$8.00	11.00 am
Friday 30 August	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
Sunday 1 September	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$8.00	11.00 am
Friday 27 September	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
Sunday 29 September	<u>"Neerlandia AGM"</u>	1.00 pm

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Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)



President's Report

On 28 January 2013 Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced that she would abdicate on 30 April this year in favor of her eldest son Prins Willem-Alexander. The

traditional Koninginnedag was chosen as the day that the Netherlands would get a King after more than 120 years.

From that moment onwards my Neerlandia life went into top gear: this historic event had to be celebrated with the Dutch Community in the Dutch Club. But where to start?

We had to make sure that 200+ patrons were given the opportunity to watch this spectacle together and in the Neerlandia Club House. So first of all we had to establish BVN TV reception in the big hall as that station was to broadcast from the Netherlands without time delay. A technician came in to connect the various cables and when that was done successfully and we were able to show BVN TV on the big screen, the organization for the day started seriously.

The seating, the catering and the parking were the logistics that could keep me awake at night. However, with ceaseless energy the committee and a few friends got the Clubhouse up to scratch for some serious celebrating.

During the celebrations in the Club many of you came to us to express gratitude and acknowledgement of our efforts to make it possible to spend this day together in a traditional Dutch fashion.

Days later I still received personally addressed emails and it has been very encouraging and heartwarming to read all your lovely comments, that I shared with the Committee members and the volunteers.

Because 30 April 2013 was such an enormous success for the Club in general and for the Committee in particular, I would like to dedicate this article to everyone who worked so hard to get to where we got:

Thank you John Otis, the Dutch Butcher, for your assistance in the kitchen and preparing and serving over 100 plates of nassi for us; thank you, kitchen staff, for your cheerful energy and a big thank you for the Orange Apron Team

Members who kept their cool and stayed polite even when patrons got grumpy about the sometimes long wait for ordered food. And the bar staff, Patrick and Barrie, who were on their feet from 3 - 11pm serving drinks and tidying up. They also had to send Tony back to the liquor store a few times, to get more bottles of wine and beer for our thirsty guests. Thank you Tony!

Gerry, looking after the coffee, had to navigate out of the full parking place to drive to Brumbies and get more rolls. Hello Ed, Marieke's father, who was at the door to accept the tickets with Henri who was constantly arranging for change for bar, kitchen and shop. Thank you Freda, Marieke & Yolanda for manning the shop and taking the kitchen orders from a never ending queue of party goers. Another warm thanks goes to the Town of Cambridge whose Rangers were extremely lenient with the parking that day: we had explained how important 30 April 2013 is for the Dutch Community and how we had planned our celebrations: Town of Cambridge promised to not spoil the party! And they kept their promise. Pieter and Todd, our two resident photographers walked and talked and took your photographs. Thank you gentlemen - the memories are a pleasure to look at. All pictures are ready to be watched, in full colour on our Neerlandia Flickr site:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dutch_club_neerlandia_in_perth_wa/sets/72157633439927476/.

I encourage you to have a look to reminisce and to enjoy the sea of orange.

And lastly thank you dear Patrons: members and non Neerlandia members: you behaved so well, you were happy and positive. What a wonderful moment when we all got up in our orange outfits and sang "Het Wilhelmus" together. This is what the Dutch Club is about. 30 April 2013 was proof that the Dutch Club can still do it.

With passion, enthusiasm and camaraderie, together we can sail Neerlandia into an exciting future. On 30 April 2013 I saw how much we enjoy to be together and to celebrate our cultural heritage. What a sight that was and what a reassuring knowledge this is. Let's do it together: Long Live the King; Long Live Neerlandia!

Lianna Parker
President



Dear Readers.

Just back from a wonderful two weeks holiday in Kota Kinabalu, the capital city of Sabah, a Malaysian province on the West side of Borneo.

We had a marvellous hotel room with a balcony overlooking the free-form

hotel pool and a magnificent view of the ocean and off-shore Islands. The weather was perfect with lofty sea breezes most afternoons and an occasional shower towards the evening.



We participated in 5 tours such as a trip on a steam train; a cultural tour of traditional head-hunters villages with a cultural dance show afterwards; a visit to the Kinabalu National Park which incorporated a tree-top walk over 4 swaying cable bridges some 60 metres above the ground; volcanic hot bathing springs and their botanical gardens with lovely Orchids; a river trip to watch the Proboscis monkeys frolicking in the Mangrove forests as well as the other wildlife that live in these swamps; and after dark viewing of the spectacular fire-flies in the trees alongside the river. And last but not least we also visited an Orang-Utan sanctuary 30 KM north of Kota Kinabalu.

Kota Kinabalu is a modern city with over a million inhabitants. There are hardly any motorbikes around, no air pollution and there are no beggars or people pestering one, to buy items when you walk around. Just friendly smiles all around.

The food is not only Malaysian but continental food is

available as well in a few restaurant and hotels.

The biggest majority, at least 98 % of the tourists are Asian from places such as Korea, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and mainland Malaysia.

King of the Netherlands, Willem Alexander

This historic event was watched and celebrated in the Neerlandia clubhouse, attended by some 200 people. The Neerlandia Committee is to be congratulated for organising this event and a special thanks to all the volunteers and those Committee members present on the day, who all worked so hard to ensure everyone was happy and looked after. It was a roaring success.

DACWA 25 years

Sincere congratulations are due to the DACWA Board, the Office Staff and volunteers, who all together celebrated their 25 Anniversary. Keep up the good work. More details and photos are published in the DACWA Insert in this magazine.

In Memoriam

Karel Hofstee, until recently the President of the Windmills Soccer Club.

Although he was not a member of Neerlandia, many people knew of him through the Windmills page, which he contributed to this magazine for many years. Personally speaking, I knew Karel well from my old soccer days with Windmills and I was still in regular contact with him.

Karel was one of those people, who worked tirelessly 24 hours a day 7 days a week for what he believed in, the welfare of his beloved Windmills.

He will be sadly missed by the whole Soccer Club.

Jan Bruyninckx (Hollandia Bijjard Club)

The Holandia Biljard Club lost their treasurer Jan Buyninckx, who not only was a long-serving member but also their treasurer for many decades. On behalf of the Committee and all their members, condolences and heartfelt sympathy to his wife Tiny and their children.

Pieter Leeflang,
Editor

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Merlita Yu-Bunan
Richard Olinga
Steph Shannan
Theo van Gelder
Hinke van Gelder
Peter Rietkerk
Chelsea Michelsen
Nanda Duijndam
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Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 5 mei en op zondag 1 juni.



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Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen te besteden in onze winkel.
Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.
De toegangsprijs prijs is iets omhoog gegaan om de stijgende onkosten te dekken.

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AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 31st of May 2013 and
on Friday the 28st of June.**

The Bar is open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from the Kitchen:

Fresh Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!

A variety of traditional Dutch snacks.

The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna, Marieke & Inge



NEERLANDIA COMMUNITY

A new committee member

Introducing: Inge van Maanen. Hi everyone, my name is Inge van Maanen and I am 24 years old. I was born and raised in Wormer (Noord-Holland).

During my Economics & Business studies at the University of Amsterdam, I decided to study one semester on exchange, in Sweden. When I left home for Sweden, my mum told me it was alright if I found a great Swedish guy, Sweden is not that far from the Netherlands, but 'please don't fall in love with an Australian'. The inevitable happened: in Sweden I met my boyfriend Euan, who is a mining engineer from WA. I moved over to Australia in July 2010. After six months in NSW we came to Perth.

During one of my first End of Month drinks at Neerlandia, I was speaking with one of the older members of the club and he told me that there is all this value in the club building, and it is time the younger generation takes over. So when I read in Lianna's email that the Committee was looking for a new secretary, my thoughts immediately went back to that conversation. And with the idea of 'if you want anything to change, you'll have to start with yourself', I offered to take on the secretarial role when Marieke goes on maternity leave. Besides doing the secretarial duties for Neerlandia, I would like to play a part in involving the younger generation Dutchies in the club. It was great to see so many new young faces at the Queens Day festivities. The coming few weeks I will research and brainstorm for new ideas and activities. If you have any great ideas, or would like to get involved too, please contact me on ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com.

Memberships

With recent changes within the committee we encountered some obstacles with the processing of Memberships. We think that we are now on top of things and we expect to continue to be on top of things in the weeks to come. We thank you for your patience.

Neerlandia Shop

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have the popular Remia frites sauce back on the shelves. Unfortunately, we are caught in the middle again in a dispute between the supplier and the importer. While we do all we can to secure your favorite products, sometimes it's just out of our hands. Anne has been helping out in the shop as she will take over in the shop from Marieke when the latter goes on maternity leave in early August. Anne has received requests for the shop to stock frozen herring. You may however, recall that the club lost a lot of money last year when a large portion of our frozen herring stock arrived spoilt and had to be thrown out. The Committee then decided to no longer buy frozen herring, as the costs of carrying this product unfortunately outweigh the benefits.

End of Month Drinks 26 April

Like every year we celebrated April End of Month Drinks dressed in orange. In the morning the usual crew had set up - and decorated the hall in tricolour and orange bunting. Balloons were blown up and although some burst only to



create shockwaves amongst those present, all went really well.

A new element during EoM drinks that night was the showing of Dutch music DVDs. Marco Borsato Live in De Kuip and Toppers went down really well amongst the visitors.



This year's Vrijmarkt for the Kids did not take off as it only attracted two children, which made it not viable to go ahead with this tradition. In April, not only Neerlandia but also the Dutch Playgroup and De Schakel have their own Vrijmarkten so we have decided to leave it to them to organise. Meanwhile the Committee would like to thank Yaolan who has, for the past four years or so organised the Vrijmarkt for Neerlandia. It was always an attractive sight to see the children with their little rugs and their fake Euros exchange toys. During the Vrijmarkt, Yaolan would also organise Koekhappen en Zaklopen, those old fashioned games that come with the occasion. Thank you Yaolan, your efforts are very much appreciated.

Another development is that 4 more volunteers have offered their assistance in the kitchen to cook during the last Friday of the month: thank you Gerry & Louis and Cor & Anne. These four people will now work on a roster basis with Dora, Helna and Ann. This is what we have been hoping for so long, as the pressure is now off and everyone can do alternate shifts. More roster news is that those people, who have, over the



Barry & Paddy, bar volunteers.

months, mentioned that they would not mind giving us a hand during the EoM drinks, are now being approached to be added to a roster. If you left your name, you will soon be sent a proposed roster. Please have a look at the suggested dates and times and let us know if you can work with that. We aim to have the first rostered Orange Apron Team by the next EoM Drinks on 31 May.

In closing, we are looking forward to your company during next month's EoM Drinks. Meanwhile, let us know what Dutch music DVD you would like to see on that night.

And also



A NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Nannie & Arnoud
with the birth of their daughter
Rosalie, sister to Samuel



Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna, Marieke & Inge

A walk along Memory Lane

The following story was sent to us by Monique. We enjoyed reading her childhood memories of having a birthday on 30 April in the Netherlands. Monique agreed to share her story with you:

I think it is great that Dutchies here in Perth can be part of the changing of the Dutch throne.

I was born on Konningedag (1973) and my Mum has a letter she received from the secretary of Queen Juliana.

When I turned 7, I shared cupcakes at school that had orange icing and chocolate piping of letters J and B because that was the change from Juliana to Beatrix.

My birthday was always like a party; flags were hung everywhere and at my primary school we played games and we sang patriotic Dutch songs at the local nursing home. In the afternoon there would be a flea market.

When I came to Australia in 1989 my Birthday became just another day although I do feel the most Dutch on that day and I want to be back there. 30 April 2013 is very special as that will be my 40th Birthday and it will also be the last Konningedag.

Note: Monique is third generation Neerlandia: daughter of Maaïke, granddaughter of Marijke (deceased) and sister to Patrick, one of our new generation bar tenders.

DITJES EN DATJES

In April the Committee was approached by UWA with the request to partake in a Focus group of "New Australians living in Australia". The idea was to get a variety of members from the Dutch Community together who could give their thoughts about certain aspects of living in Australia as a migrant.

Eight people came to the Neerlandia Club House to discuss news items, exchange thoughts and listen to personal stories.

The group varied from migrants who had arrived here in 1953 to only as recently as 2011.

The outcome of this Focus Group will be published and sent to the participants. Whatever the outcome for the UWA Researchers, one thing is for certain: that night we all gained appreciation for each other's views on and position as a migrant living in Australia. And it also exposed Neerlandia again as an active and enthusiastic organization.

We are stocked up with imported Melcher Gold Pilsner again. This beer from Lelystad is proven to be popular amongst our patrons. \$5.50 for half a liter makes them come back to the bar and ask for more. The decorative cans are quite nice too!

For those in the know: No excuses any more for being too late or too early: the main hall has a clock again so everyone can now leave their watches at home next time you visit the Club!

For the past four weeks, Mies, Tom and Inge have worked hard on cleaning out the library situated near the DACWA Offices. At the time of writing we are nearing completion of a new and tidy library.

All old books have been removed and replaced by newer titles. We would like to thank everyone who, over the years donated the Dutch language books to Neerlandia. With a changing age in membership we kindly ask you to keep donating Dutch language books, but only those printed after 1990. Titles before 1990 are not read and the books take up space that should be used for other purposes. Also, please don't drop in and leave the boxes in the library: we like to keep the reading area attractive and tidy.

If you have books that you think would suit our collection, please get in touch with either Inge on ingevanmaan@hotmail.com or myself on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (between lianna parker) to arrange delivery. Thank you very much.

DUTCH COMMUNITY

Language Matters

My name is Sarah and I am looking for someone who wants to help me improving my basic Dutch in exchange for Spanish lessons. Ideally it would be someone who can meet once a week for a couple of hours so we can have 1 hour for each language. It would be mainly speaking whilst having a coffee somewhere in Perth, so it's a relaxed approach to learning a new language! If you're interested please contact me via email: sarahevahg@hotmail.com or phone: 0423-718-236. Muchas gracias!"

Babysitting Service (1)

Hoi Dutchies,

Wij zijn Sanne (22) & Josje (25) en zijn sinds een paar maanden au pairs in Perth (Subiaco).

Gedurende de avonden, weekenden en sommige dagdelen hebben wij tijd over voor een extra oppasbaantje.

Wij passen individueel op, ons tarief is 15 dollar per uur. Wij hebben allebei toegang tot eigen vervoer, wat ons erg flexibel maakt. Voor meer informatie kunt u altijd mailen naar josjevantwesteinde@gmail.com of bellen met Sanne 0448 435 885. Wij zullen de oppasadressen onderling verdelen. Hopelijk tot snel!

Groetjes

Sanne Langeveld en Josje van 't Westeinde

Babysitting Service (2)

Dag lieve ouders!

Op zoek naar een lieve, betrouwbare oppas voor jullie kids? Hier ben ik! Mijn naam is Irene Rodenburg, 25 jaar en ik ben net ingetrokken bij mijn Aussie lover in Ellenbrook. Ik heb meer dan 10 jaar oppaservaring, ben junior lecturer geweest op de Universiteit van Amsterdam, heb een project gedaan met kids in de Filipijnen en ik ben vorig jaar home teacher geweest op een outback station. In Sydney paste ik elke dinsdag op een jongetje van 7 maanden. Referenties op aanvraag. Hartelijke groet, Irene
0452544703 / irene.rodenburg@gmail.com

IN NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE

New! **De BoekHoek** - Dutch Language Book Review from our Reviewers in the Netherlands

New! **FilmFeest** - Dutch Movie Review New and Classic ones

New! **Kookkunstjes** - contemporary Dutch recipes Part 2 of the Questionnaire (there was no space left in this month's issue)

Links to SBS Dutch Radio Interview with Neerlandia President Lianna Parker

If you preferred to receive the Neerlandia Magazine online and in full-color, please contact the editor of this magazine: Mr Pieter Leeftang pieter.leeftang@bigpond.com

Neerlandia Card Club News

On Thursday the 9th of May we concluded our first competition for the year 2013.

With between 6 to 7 regular tables of "Klaverjassers" and 2 tables of Bolivia players, we were pleased to see 4 new members join us to re-start a Joker table.

These four new ladies of course were very welcome. I am sure they have enjoyed their first competition and we hope they will continue to do so. The results of the first competition for the year are as follows:

New Joker table

Mrs. Nelly Liebrechts score of 525 Prize \$10

Bolivia Club:

Weekly players: score of 434725
Thea Gorter Prize \$10

Fortnightly players: score of 154465
Helma Kleynen Prize \$10

Klaverjas Club

1st prize with a score of 76648 Pieter Segers
Prize \$25

2nd prize with a score of 75495 Thijs Gorter
Prize \$20
(also most "marsen" 35)

3rd prize with a score of 74495 Bill van Heumen
Prize \$15

Average score prize: 70892 Nel Bakker
(actual average 70982) Prize \$10

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Marsen Prize: Henk Arts 34 marsen (runner up)
Prize \$10

It was interesting to notice that 4 of the 5 prizes for the Klaverjassers have gone to male members. Come on ladies, you will not allow this to continue? Our congratulations to all the winners and I wish all members, who missed out on a prize this time success in our next competition.

We send our best wishes to those members, who are presently unable to attend due to ill-health and we trust that they will regain their good health very soon.

Murray Koedyk

OUR MIDWINTER BRUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY THE 24TH OF MARCH AT 10.00 AM



Brunch
Sunday 14 July 2013

Come and join the Neerlandia Klaverjas Club at the "Midwinter Brunch" on Sunday 14 July.

Enjoy an "Uitsmijter" and all sorts of other Dutch Breakfast Foods.

Celebrate a Birthday with your family or invite your friends to join.

We serve unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.

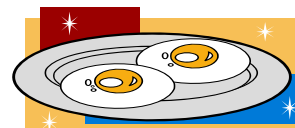


Adults: \$12.00

Guests: \$15.00

Pre-payment is necessary.

Contact Gerry Creemers on: 9356 4207



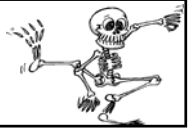
The payment options are:

... Send your Cheque or Money Order and the function details by mail to: Neerlandia, PO Box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913.

... Contact Gerry Creemers by phone to arrange credit card payments.



Laughter is still the best medicine



Home Truth

The Prime Minister was on the dais as the parade of military might passed. First squadrons of jets flew overhead, then lines of tanks, heavy artillery and columns of infantry armed to the teeth. Finally a group of men in pin-striped suits, awkwardly marching out of step, brought up the rear of the parade.

"Is that you Secret Service, Minister?" asked a foreign diplomat.

"Hell, no. They are our economist from the Treasury. They can cause more damage than the rest of them put together!"

Birthday

An old fella was celebrating 92 years on this earth. He spoke to his toes. "Hello toes.", he said. "How are you? You know, you are 92 today. Oh the times we've had! Remember how we walked in the park in the summer every Sunday afternoon. The times we waltzed on the dance floor? Happy Birthday toes!"

"Hello, knees.", he continued. "How are you? You know you're 92 today.. Oh, the times we've had! Remember when we marched in the parade? Oh, the hurdles we've jumped together.

Happy

Birthday, knees."

Then, he looked down below. "Hello Willie!

You little bugger. Just think. If you were alive today, you'd be 92."



English stiff upper lip...

On a train from London to Manchester, an Australian was berating the Englishman sitting across from him in the compartment.

"You English are too stuffy. You set yourselves apart too much. You think your stiff upper lip makes you above the rest of us. Look at me... I'm ME! I have Italian blood, Greek blood, a little Irish blood, and some Aborigine blood...

What do you say to that?"

The Englishman replied, "Awfully sporting of your mother, old chap!"

Smart blond

Three women go down to Mexico one night to celebrate college graduation.

They get drunk, and wake up in jail, only to discover that they are to be executed in the morning, though none of them can remember what they did the night before.

The first one, a redhead, is strapped in the electric chair and is asked if she has any last words. She says: "I just graduated from Trinity Bible College and believe in the almighty power of God to intervene on the behalf of the innocent.."

They throw the switch and nothing happens. They all immediately fall to the floor on their knees, beg for forgiveness and release her.

The second one, a brunette, is strapped in and gives her last words. "I just graduated from the University of Illinois School of Law, and I believe in the power of Justice to intervene on the behalf of the innocent." They throw the switch and again, nothing happens. Again, they all immediately fall to their knees, beg for forgiveness, and release her.

The last one, a blonde (you knew it), is strapped in and says: "Well, I'm from Ohio and just graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and I'll tell ya right now, y'all ain't gonna electrocute nobody if you don't plug this thing in."

Sound Advice

Two little kids are in a hospital, lying on beds next to each other, waiting outside the Operating Room. The first kid leans over and asks, 'What are you in here for?'

The second kid says, 'I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous.'

The first kid says, 'You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of jelly and ice cream. It's a breeze.'

The second kid then asks, 'What are you in here for?'

The first kid says, 'A circumcision.'

The second kid says, 'Whoa, good luck with that one, buddy!

I had that done when I was BORN... Couldn't walk for a year.

Celebrating Kings Day at Neerlandia

A Sea of Orange at Neerlandia. Over 200 people attended Neerlandia on this historic day for the Dutch community. It also showed once again that there **is** a need in WA for a central venue for the Dutch to meet and all effort and support



must be given to keep it that way. There was a healthy mixture of old members and young families present and the general atmosphere was tremendous. Some people grizzled that they could not hear the commentary all the time but the general atmosphere made up for that. At least during the important parts it was quiet. Many thanks go to the committee and volunteers (young and old) that made all this all possible. Long Live the new King. **PL**



Celebrating Kings Day at Neerlandia



(All pictures by Todd Kaya & and Pieter Leeftang)

Jazz & great food at Neerlandia

Jazz at Neerlandia

On Saturday the 11th of May it was foot-tapping time at Neerlandia when the Storyville Jazz Band took to the stage at 7.00 pm with some traditional

Dixieland jazz.

There was a good attendance of about 85 people, who all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and it did not take long for some to start dancing in front of the stage.

At 8.00 it was interval and John Otis dished up a magnificent smorgasbord meal.



and his impersonation of Elvis, Tom Jones and others not only had the audience clapping, stomping, cheering, singing and waving their hands above their heads, but after 60 minutes he got a standing



The band enjoying the food.

And after the meal it was coffee and Appeltaart or Vanilla Slices galore. When everyone had gorged themselves it was time for the floor show and what a show it was.

The entertainer was none other than the past lead-singer of the Troubadours



ovation. Then it was Jazz again until Len Gluver appeared for a sing-a-long, followed by more jazz until 11.00, then it was time to go home.

One of the better nights we had at Neerlandia and those that did not attend missed a fun-filled entertaining evening with great food. Thanks John and your volunteers. Great Show!!

Pieter Leeftang.





December 2012

DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.
To all members and supporters of DACWA

Editorial.

2013 is a year of festivities with the Queen Beatrix abdicating, and her son Willem-Alexander now being the Dutch King. Here at DACWA we are also celebrating, as it is 25 years ago since we were founded. We are very proud of what we have achieved during those years with the assistance of so many hardworking volunteers, management committee members and later board members and committed staff. A highlight for DACWA is that we have become a four-time finalist in the 2013 Aged and Community Services WA Excellence in Care Awards. The winners will be announced on 7 June and we will keep you up to date of the outcome in the next newsletter in September.

This newsletter is mostly dedicated to our anniversary with an interesting piece about the future of our organisation, an article about the celebrations itself and a clarification about our new trading name.

There is also information on an event which will be held for our clients in June and feedback on a very successful fundraiser. I also would like to take this opportunity to remind you it is the time to renew your DACWA subscription. A copy of the renewal form is printed in this newsletter.

In closing, we would love it if you have an interesting story or aged care related experiences to share us. You can send this to us by email, post or give us a phone call on 9382 4186.

Karin Eastwood

Editor, DACWA newsletter

DACWA – THE FUTURE???

As members of the Board of Management we do not use a crystal ball or star gaze, but we do believe in the wish list with a passion and someone out there must be listening because so far Dutch Aged Care has done very well. We are continuing to attract new clients in all our three programs supported by highly qualified and enthusiastic staff and support Workers and the ever present teams of volunteers. Our balance Sheet and Financial position is the envy of our competitors, due to the diligent efforts of our Managers and the Treasury Team.

What can we expect on 2013 and beyond?

The pendulum of change is driven by our appointees in Canberra; our selected representatives must continually be reminded of the importance of a strong and vibrant Aged Care sector. We are totally funded by the Federal Government in two of our programs with more emphasis lately on keeping seniors in their own homes for longer. Our Community Aged Care Packages (CACP) program is well positioned here and we will continue to lobby for additional packages. The Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) had recently had their provider contract extended for a further three years. Currently we are looking into ways of also extending this existing program.

All of the above is good news but with on-going expansion we must always be aware of our most valued asset, our Staff. Without their commitment to client care or their job skills and diligence we would not survive. It remains a priority to keep our Staff happy well trained and well paid and to be responsive to their needs. The challenge of the Board of Management will be to keep one step ahead of any conflicting issues whatever they may be. To be able to do just that, we must also strengthen our base and be on the lookout for potential new Board Members, who have the time, the skills and the expertise to make **a positive contribution to the organisation.**

As we move into the future we felt for some time the need to expand our operations, to provide a total Aged Care package from Community Care to include Residential Care as well. With a rapid ageing community the need for this type of action is becoming more urgent day by day.



The past 25 years has developed a strong DACWA and from that strength we should be reaching out so that we can offer on-going facilities for low, medium and high care to our clients. It would be a travesty, if all the hard work and achievements of the past did not translate into a complete Aged Care package. After all if our clients have to pay to go into private For Profit facilities, why then not go into a comfortable Not For Profit community in which to see out their days.

Who would like to join us on this journey?

Individual working groups within DACWA have for some time considered various options. They have spoken to Ministers of Government, Federal and State level and at local level. All are supportive and applaud our initiative. But there has been no commitment so far or a directive towards a project. With State elections just behind us and Federal elections not that far away, we intent to renew our approaches to the respective Ministers and their departments. We all know that money talks.

Development funds are available from Government sources but our monies are not sufficient to meet deposit requirements. We therefore will need community support to make this project happen. Please consider DACWA when you plan your estate and discuss your wishes with your family; others will thank you.

On behalf of the Board of Management.

CHANGE OF NAME AND THE REASON FOR IT

Often, when we introduced ourselves as a member of Dutch Aged Care, people would anticipate that we are providing residential care for only Dutch people. As everyone who is involved with Dutch Aged Care knows; that is not correct. We support anybody from a Germanic background to live in their homes as long as possible.

When the question about a more universal name came up, we considered the following aspects: What is our work about? Which group do we want to reach?

These questions were put in consideration, when thinking about the name and in the end we came up with: **CURA IN-HOME CARE**

Cura is the name of a divine figure whose name means "Care" or "Concern" in Latin. Latin is considered to be the foundation of the Germanic language. Dutch, German, English, all Scandinavian languages, all of these languages - with all their different dialects, are all considered Germanic languages.

When looking up 'Cura' on the Latin - English dictionary, the meaning Care, Concern and Support comes up and that is exactly what we do.

We care and support and we are concerned about **all** seniors from a Germanic background!

Ute Benford.

Information day for our clients

We would like to make our clients and their family members, if they are interested, aware of our **Information-day**. We will make sure that our clients will be picked up by our Support Workers if needed.

ILC (Independent Living Centre) will come to the club and presents a range of equipment's to demonstrate to you, which can make your life easier. You will be able to talk directly to their friendly staff.

A staff member from **Centrelink** will be here as well, so you can ask your questions about financial assessments etc.

We will also have a presenter here, to talk about "**Falls Prevention**" in the Community.

It is a fact that one in three people over the age of 65 will have a fall each year, with approximately one third experiencing a fall-related injury. Having a fall can restrict a person's activity, limit independence and mobility, decrease confidence and increase the fear of falling again. **However the good news is that many falls can be prevented.**

We will supply a light lunch and coffee/tea. **It will also give you the opportunity to socialise with other clients. Make it a fun-day out.**

When: 25th of June 2013

Where: Neerlandia Clubhouse, 230 Cambridge Street, WEMBLEY

Time: 11am-2.30pm

Cost: Gold-coin donation

To book please call the Care Team before 20th of June 2013. Phone: 9382 1983

YOUR CARE TEAM

Upcoming Events

Monthly DACWA Board Meeting

– Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

For more details contact Karin on: 9382 4186 or E-mail: om@dacwa.org

Ratatouille Club – every other Thursday.

A friendly get-together with light physical and/or mental exercises.

Clients and DACWA financial members welcome. Participation \$3 per session

For details contact the CACP Care Team on: 9388 1678 or 9382 1983 or E-mail cacp@dacwa.org

Friends of DACWA End of Month Drinks –Every Last Friday of the month.

From 5:30pm – 9:00pm in the lounge of Dutch Society 'Neerlandia'.

The next Drinks will be held on 31 May and 28 June 2013.

Workshops for Support Workers in 2013 are planned on:

22 August 2013

14 November 2013

28 November 2013

Workshops for DACWA volunteers in 2013 are planned on:

14 May 2013 Australia Overview of Dementia

27 August 2013 Multiculturalism in ACF and Lifestyle

19 November 2013 Boundaries

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Sausage Sizzle

The Sausage Sizzle we held on 23 March at Bunning Home Base was a great success. The groceries were ready to go at 7:45am and at 8:30am the sausages were ready to sizzle.

Our Volunteers, enthusiastic as ever, sold the hot dogs with such dedication that we had to buy 2 more loaves of bread and extra onions



as all the 380 rolls and sliced onions were fully used. We were completely sold out by a quarter to four.

Our profit was approx. \$774.00 for the day.

A sincere THANK YOU to George Eastwood, who instigated the request to IGA; to Supa IGA Wembley for assisting us with our fundraiser; to our Staff and family members, who bit off the day by getting things ready and BBQ-ing the first sausages; to our Volunteers, Staff and Board member, without their assistance we couldn't have done the fundraiser. They were all MAGNIFICENT.



More onions, please Joyce

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**A warm welcome to the
following new DACWA Members**

Mrs H Wagner
Mr & Mrs Staats



DAWA 25 years!!

This year DACWA is celebrating its 25 year anniversary and during those years has developed into a multicultural service provider of high reputation. Originally the services were established for those of Dutch decent but soon it became apparent other migrant groups of similar linguistic background were also in need of the services.

DACWA's client-centred services are unique, enjoy strong support from within our communities of



interest and give the consumers, staff and volunteers alike, a feeling of belonging and self-worth.

Recently DACWA had a 360 turnaround by changing the focus from providing services to those elderly who identify with the Germanic language, to all those eligible seniors who identify with the Germanic culture.

To reflect the type of services provided and the target group these are provided, for a new trading name has been chosen. This name is 'Cura In-Home Care'.



The new trading name was announced during our 25th anniversary party. It was an evening which was enjoyed by all guests. People who attended were longstanding volunteers, staff and consumers, previous and present board



members, the CEO of Aged Care Services WA and many representatives of other service providers.
(Photos by Treffpunkt Magazine, Henny Crijns and others)

Memorial Service - 4 May

Those left Behind – Lest We Forget!

On 4 May 2013, ANSWA conducted a memorial service in the Dutch Annex Karrakatta to commemorate the close of WWII in Europe 68 years ago. It would be another three months before the Pacific War drew to a close, initiated by the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Our theme this year was 'Those Left Behind'.



The Hon. Consul Mr Arnold Stroobach and Dr Nonja Peters gave addresses on this theme which focussed on how war shapes the lives of those left behind to deal with the grief, pain and despair of the loss of family that are the fallout of war.

Countless tragic stories have emerged and are still emerging out of

the various theatres of war – on both the 'home front' and the battlefield.

The migration of many of the Dutch in WA can be attributed to the disruption the war visited on their families, friends, the countryside and the economy of their beloved country of origin: NL or the Netherlands East Indies (NEI).

Dr Elisa Klaassen and Vera Horsten read out two moving poems 'The



Last letter' and 'A Field of Poppies'. It was an emotional day for Dr Klaassen, as it brought the

loss of her grandfather, the highly respected Mr Albert Klaassen, into sharp focus. Albert, a war veteran and survivor of Dachau was not only a greater supporter of ANSWA, it was also he who inspired Elisa to stay in



touch with her Dutch roots and led to her choosing a Dutch university to undertake her doctorate. It was a great surprise and

also a thrill to hear Elisa read the Dutch version of the poem and not as I thought the English one. We need more of our Dutch descendant like Elisa to participate in our cultural heritage events. Wreaths were laid by: the Dutch Consul and his wife, Representatives of the

Premier of WA, Mayor Town of Cambridge, Veterans Affairs and Carine Cadets. There were also wreaths laid by Representatives of member



organisations of ANSWA – Dutch Society Neerlandia, Ex Stoottroopen, DACWA as well as the Town of Cambridge, the Dep of War Graves and by ANSWA. The general public participated in the 'Ritual of the Roses' by laying a floral tribute on each gravestones of the victims of the bombing of Broom to whom the Dutch Annex, located in the Australian War Cemetery, is dedicated.

ANSWA executive would like to thank all the individuals and organisations whose help and support made the event a success especially the Dutch singers and Carine Cadets.

Also the Dutch Society Neerlandia, as they opened their



clubhouse for everyone to have a chat, a cup of Coffee, or a drink or some food afterwards.

We should always commemorate the lives cut short by war but also give a

thought to those left behind.

We will remember them – Lest we Forget

Nonja Peters



The towns of Veghel and Erp



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VEGHEL

Veghel is a municipality and a town in the province of Noord Brabant in the south of the Netherlands. Area: 78.16 km²

The town of Erp is situated about 2.5 km to the east of Veghel.

Since 1994 Veghel and the neighbouring village of Erp have formed a single municipality. Population: 37553

Veghel is a twin city with the town of Goch in Germany.

HISTORY

The first settlements date back to Roman times and were established near the River Aa. In 1310 John II of Brabant granted the inhabitants the right to use common grounds. For some decades in the 16th and 17th century the municipality was ruled by the Lords Van Erp, residing at their castle of Frisselsteijn in Veghel.



Franciscan Nunnery

In 1648 Veghel became part of the Republic of the Netherlands. As a former part of the Duchy of Brabant, Veghel is situated in the Meierij of 's-Hertogenbosch. As a Catholic village, Veghel (like all the other areas of Brabant and Limburg which were transferred to the Netherlands by the Peace of Westphalia) suffered economic and religious oppression from the Protestant Dutch and was counted part of the Dutch military boundary area.

It was not until the French wars of 1795 that Veghel formally received freedom of religion again and received a guarantee of full common rights from the Dutch government. In 1810 Veghel became part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From the middle of the 19th century the agrarian village began developing into an industrial village as a consequence of the opening of the Zuid-Willemsvaart Canal.

The construction of large-scale buildings like the neo-gothic church by Pierre Cuypers and the neoclassical town hall, which dates from that period. Monastic orders made Veghel a regional centre of health care and education, which it remains to this day.

In 1940 Veghel was occupied by German troops. With the beginning of Operation Market Garden in 1944, Veghel was one of the landing places for Allied paratroopers, due to its strategic location.

The period since the 1950s has seen much growth, with the development of new industries and the establishment in Veghel of several international companies. Its shopping centre and marketplace earned the town the name of "Pearl of the Meierij". Veghel is an educational centre for the surrounding district with several secondary schools, a senior secondary vocational school and one of the oldest higher vocational schools in the area: the Pedagogic Academy, which was founded in 1872.



Haven Noordkade



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The towns of Veghel and Erp



Erp -Former Town Hall

TOWN OF ERP—HISTORY

The earliest traces of habitation in Erp and its immediate surroundings are found on the town's southeast side, on the road to Gemert near the Aa River. According to A. Meuwese, local farmers found several funerary vessels from around 300 B.C. in the early 20th century. Gallic tribes that inhabited the region placed the ashes and remains of their deceased in these vessels and buried them in the many funerary fields.

Some cemetery fields were located in this particular area and A. Meuwese mentions that a small "heathen" temple supposedly stood at a past bend in the Aa River, but it had been swallowed by the river. The story goes that on Christmas night, one can hear

church bells ring at this location. Similar stories have been reported near other funerary fields.

In addition to Gallic pottery, traces of Roman pottery were also found. The Roman items are of a later period than the Gallic and are recognizable by their thickness and curled edges.

The area around Erp was inhabited by the Menapii tribe, who roamed the area south of the Rhine River, north of the Ardennes and the Morini tribe, north and west of the Eburones tribe, west of the Meuse River, and east of the North Sea.

Erp is mentioned since the 12th century, as property of a noble family.

In earlier records, dating from 1134, Erthepe is mentioned and it is assumed that this is Erp. The first priest in the parish is mentioned in 1360.

During this era, Erp was part of the Duchy of Brabant.

In 1579, seven Northern Dutch provinces declared their independence, while Brabant remained part of Spain of Philip II, son of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.

In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia, concluded the Eighty Years' War (Tachtigjarige Oorlog) of the Northern Dutch provinces against the Habsburgs. Brabant was separated and the current North Brabant was incorporated in the newly established, independent country of the Netherlands, while the larger southern parts of Antwerp and Brabant remained under Spanish Habsburg rule until 1713.

After the ravage of the French Revolution and Napoleonic Europe, at the Congress of Vienna in 1815, Brabant was reunited in the newly established Kingdom of the Netherlands. This only lasted until 1830, when Belgium declared their independence from the Netherlands and Brabant was divided between the two countries.

In 1940 Erp was occupied by German troops. In 1944, paratroopers participating in the largest airborne operation in history named "Operation Market Garden", liberated Erp and its surroundings. The liberated strip from Eindhoven to Arnhem was later nicknamed Hell's Highway.



Erp -Veghelsedijk Crucifix



St Servatius Church in Erp



Hotel Het Tramstation in Erp



Villa on Hertog Jan Plein in Erp

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

Profile of a past President - Pieter Leeftang



Profile of a past President.

Pieter Leeftang:

(This column will give the reader the opportunity to learn more about the history of the Club and how, with dedication, loyalty and leadership, Neerlandia grew to what it is now. Following the story of Pieter Leeftang, the last in the series: "Past Presidents".)

I was born in Rotterdam in 1935. After I completed primary school,

I attended a four-year high school called MULO B, where we learned 4 languages, including English. After high school I enrolled at a Technical School (Avond MTS) and I had to do 2 years of practical experience in metal manufacturing, while attending evening classes, before continuing my studies fulltime.

However, when I was 18, those study plans were interrupted as my parents wanted to immigrate to Australia. It was my parents desire to look for better opportunities and I did not hesitate to go with them.

An adventure in a far away country would surely beat working during the day and going to school every evening.

We arrived in Perth in September 1954, after a 6-week cruise, all the way through the Panama Canal. I had a quiet but good time on board, spending most of my time reading, playing chess and klaverjas.

We were very fortunate that an uncle and aunt and my married sister were already living in Perth and they initially provided a roof over our heads.

Under those conditions we did not have to go to a camp or work two years in the country.

The most important issue that confronted us was finding work and that took my father and myself exactly one day. My father started work at the Perth Zoo as a maintenance worker and I found work as a welder by a refrigeration manufacturer.

At work I became friends with Karel Palmer, another immigrant from Amsterdam and he informed me that there was a Dutch Soccer club called "The Windmills" in Perth and I joined them in January 1955, when training started.

As I had played with Feyenoord as a junior, I was instantly selected into their first team

This was my first, but not my last involvement with a Dutch organisation in Perth.

In 1955 I also started work at the Perth Zoo as an animal keeper. This association with the Zoo lasted for 42 years.

Meanwhile I had met Joke, we got married in 1959 and we had two children, who gave us 3 grandchildren.

While working at the Zoo I was asked by the Superintendent to attend evening studies as I could be a candidate for promotion. And after 5 years of night studies, the position of Overseer became vacant in 1969 and I was successful in getting the promotion I was being trained for.

This position included residing in the zoo full time. The downside was that I was on call 24 hours, 7 days a week. We lived in the Zoo from 1969 until 1999.

Back to the Windmills Soccer club. I played in their first team until 1960, when I broke my ankle during a game against Azurri and made a very slow recovery and I decided it was time to give the game away to concentrate on my work and growing family.

But meanwhile I had joined the Windmills Klaverjasclub and after a few years I became their secretary.

In the mid 1960's discussions were held with several Dutch Clubs and Associations and they all agreed that the Dutch Community badly needed a Dutch clubhouse. However, just about all the clubs disagreed that the Windmills (Soccer Club) would take full financial control. The end result was that in 1968 we saw the formation of the powerful Neerlandia Klaverjas Club (more than 60% of the Windmills Klaverjas club joined) and in no time the membership increased to 150. With Nico Feddema, myself and Tom Frankhuizen in control, we decided that we would do everything possible to give the Dutch Community a Clubhouse.

As secretary was asked to make the Klaverjasclub Club an Incorporated body; get a constitution and the name was changed to "The Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Incorporated".

We also started Group Travel for the Dutch community and I was appointed the Group Travel Organiser. This raised a considerable amount of money, initially for the Klaverjas club but eventually it all went to Neerlandia.

In 1969 all the Dutch Organisations in Perth, except the Windmills Soccer Club, decided to form an alliance to obtain a Dutch Clubhouse. It was at that stage that the Committee of the Neerlandia Klaverjas Club decided to go down a notch, hand over the name "Dutch Society Neerlandia Inc" as well as the Group Travel to the newly formed body. This of course was the Society Dutch Society Neerlandia we know it now.

I was initially elected on the steering committee with Nico Feddema and Karel Nissen in order to find a permanent committee with an independent Chairperson.

When that was achieved I initially became a Committee Member in charge of the Group Travel before I became secretary..

With membership reaching close to 1000 members and functions at the showgrounds attended by up to 1500 people, it did not take long to wipe off the incurred debt and build a healthy Bank Balance.

And in 1972 the Kyeema Lodge (our present clubhouse) was purchased thanks to 216 x \$100.00 Debentures purchased by the members.

I stayed on the Neerlandia Committee for 10 years and when the mortgage as well as the debentures were fully repaid, I resigned to spend more time with my family.

The in 1998, it was John Otis, who asked me to nominate for Vice-president. I was close to retiring from the Zoo and looking for an additional hobby, so I accepted.

In 1999 I became the Secretary and in 2005, when The president Harry Crijns and Vice-president Bert Creemers both suddenly resigned, I was elected President.

My vision as incoming President was to maintain the ongoing maintenance program; to get greater unity amongst the various Dutch Clubs and Associations; make Neerlandia the home base for every organisation in Perth; unite the three Dutch magazines and produce only one magazine; to increase or at least stabilise our falling membership and find a way one way or another to get younger people interested in Neerlandia.

When I resigned in 2012 I could honestly say that most of those above goals had been achieved and that I had left the incoming President Lianna Parker and her Committee a sound foundation to build on.

I personally think the future of Neerlandia looks bright as they are following the right pathway to success and I wish the committee well with their endeavours.

Pieter Leeftang.

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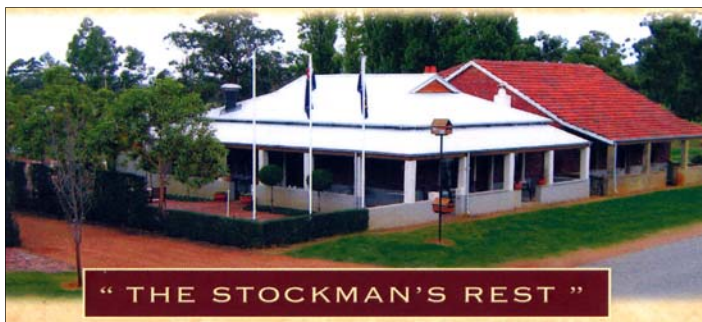
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The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of June 2013**.
We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

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May Sunday Drive & Neerlandia merchandise

May Sunday Drive:

Here again a few words from Gerry regarding the May Sunday Card Drive.

To start off, we welcomed 2 new Guests who also became Members of Neerlandia.

A playing member William Pabst and his friend, a non-playing member Jenny Klück

Both were introduced to the members and they were made very welcome.

There were a few slices of "appeltaart" left for sale, which went like hotcakes.

Playing commenced at 11 am and we had 7 tables.

During play every table received a little dish with after-dinner mints as a little gesture for Mother's Day, which was very much appreciated. I think the gentlemen at the tables enjoyed them as well.

After lunch I had to substitute for someone who was not feeling the best, which meant that the washing up was left to be done later.

But our new member, Jenny hopped in and did it, that was very welcome, and a big THANK YOU Jenny.

As my table was running late, Pieter hopped in and checked the score sheets, which too was a big help.

At times I felt like a centipede, with phone calls and then the loud front door bell, everyone jumped as they thought it was a fire alarm, but there was only a little German lady at the door who said: "Sprechen Sie

Deutsch". I replied: "Ja, ein wenig." Anyway, she wanted someone from Dutch Aged Care, so I told her to come back during the week.

After a pretty tight competition some very high scores came in and the following winners were announced:

1st prize: Riet van Emden 7219 points

2nd prize: Ann Verhoogt 7127 points

3rd prize Pieter Leeftang 6944 points

All in all with all the help I received a very enjoyable day for all.

Gerry Creemers



1st prize Riet van Emden on the right, 2nd prize Ann Verhoogt and 3rd prize Pieter Leeftang.

DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

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- ... Bitterballen, kroketten & frikandellen.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst.
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... **Gerookte makreel**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, gemberkoek en kandijkoek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & zoetzure augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute drop, stroopwafels, gesorteerde koekjes & beschuit
- ... Gestampte muisjes, hagelslag, fruihagel & chocolade vlokken
- ... Amandelkoeken, kano's, amsterdammers & speculaasjes en speculaasbrokken
- ... Stroopwafels en een sortering van andere koekjes

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

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De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

The Rommelpot.

For us, more than four hundred years later, it is difficult to understand how ordinary people managed their daily lives in the various parts of the loosely knit Republic of the Seventeen Provinces. Some famous painters remind us of the feasting taking place in those troubled times, depicting the Rommelpot player as the mover during the often riotous feasting; painters like Pieter Bruegel the Elder in 'the battle of Carnival and Lent (1559), Jan Steen in his 'Twelfth Night (Drie Koningen, 1660-1662), Frans Hals and many others. A rommelpot is an earthenware pot with a cows-bladder stretched on it, whereby a wet stick is moved up and down in a narrow hole in the bladder's centre, thereby making a throbbing noise. In the Province of Brabant there is even a folk-dance called 'Rommelpot'. This introduction with my rommelpot-story has a purpose and that is to show my readers a contrast between the everpresent daily perils with which people had to cope during those years of the 'Eighty-Year war' (1568-1648) and the days when they managed to escape for a moment. Those were the days when two leaders, each in their own way, were fighting the Spanish towards their ultimate defeat. These leaders were the mainly German and French speaking tolerant Willem I, Prince of Orange and the Dutch speaking leader of the Water Geuzen, the cruel Admiral Lumey, Willem van der Marck, Lord of Lumen, a town in now Belgium Limburg. It so happened that at one stage, both lived only meters apart from each other in Delft, the Prince in the erstwhile Agatha Klooster (Abbey) since 1559, Lumey not far away. The blunt Lumey intensely hated the Catholics, the Lutheran Prince was totally different and a real politician, recorded to have prosecuted the Huguenots in his Princedom of Orange in the South of France and leading the protestants in the Lower Lands. After the decapitation of both Counts Hoorne and van Egmond in Brussels, Lumey publicly swore that he would let grow his beard and nails until the day he could take revenge, hence his nickname 'Overste Langnagel' (Colonel Longnail).

It was Lumey who was an outstanding fighter and leader during the battle of Heiligerlee in 1568. From there he organized and became the leader of the 'Watergeuzen' fleet of hired and pirated vessels who first planned to settle in Texel but had been blown southwards in a storm, seeking refuge in the open river Maas, finally dropping anchor near Den Briel. On hearing from the local ferry operator Koppelstok that the Spanish had left for



Capture of Den Briel by Admiraal Lumey & De Watergeuzen.

Rotterdam, they took the city on the 1st of April 1572 with a force of well over 600 crew-members. Against an agreement with the Prince, some plundering took place whereby the catholic church and monasteries were the main targets.

It was mainly Willem Blois van Treslong, the erstwhile Baljuw of Den Briel, who convinced his superior Lumey to spare the city from plunder, reasoning that they needed a secure harbour for their fleet now that they would no longer be welcome in English harbours. Queen Elisabeth I had been threatened by Philip II with war, if she continued to allow those Dutch pirates trading in English harbours.

Prince Willem first thoughts were that the capture of Den Briel was a military pre-mature move in the war against Spain, but was soon convinced otherwise, after those daring sea-beggars captured Gorinchem (Gorkum) and Dordrecht. The revolt against the Spanish masters was gaining momentum and Vlissingen, Veere, Zierikzee soon followed, with the aim of choking the Spanish harbour-city of Antwerp. Gaining control of Veere came with a bonus of 2000 bronze ship-cannons which recently had been brought to the arsenal for re-enforcement of the city and control of the river Scheldt. This time Prince Willem went all out mortgaging his ancestral properties to the hilt to finance the hired soldiers, fighting the hated Spanish overlords. He left his castle in Dillenburg on the 7th of July 1572 at the head of an army of 20.000 men, occupying a number of cities. In the wake of the military successes, Enkhuizen, Hoorn and Medemblik joined, followed by Haarlem and Alkmaar, shaking off the Spanish shackles and thereby giving the Dutch rebels control in the Zuiderzee.

Amsterdam being ruled by a strong Catholic majority of councillors, remained on the Spanish side.

Not all was well however. Lumey did not quite trust the motives of Willem I of Orange. Why would he as a German, be involved in Dutch politics? It was also a matter of personalities, the softly spoken cultured Dutch learning Prince against the rough and cruel Dutch speaking Lumey, both leading a popular revolt. Lumey and his sea-beggars were generally feared as much as the Spanish, especially after Gorinchem was taken by the Geuzen on the 26th of June 1572 and seventeen catholic priests were imprisoned, tortured and later hanged in a peat shed belonging to a ruined cloister near Den Briel on the 9th of July 1572. Up till these days the area, and a newly built church in 1932, has become a place for pilgrimage and miracle cures have been attributed to the water from a well, used by the erstwhile cloister inhabitants.

Also, a great friend of Willem I, the Catholic Cornelis Musius, last rector of the Agatha-cloister was murdered. Lumey, in his position of Stadtholder of the South of Holland, let his friend Gijsbert van Duyvenvoorde do the dirty work, much to the despair of Willem I. Musius, born Cornelis Muys on 10th June 1500 in Delft, was apart from being a priest, also a great humanist and art connoisseur. He had been helping priests to escape from those sea-beggars and hide church treasures when Lumey moved into a house, next to the cloister, where Prince Willem lived. He threatens Musius such, that the man takes flight, but is caught near The Hague on the

9th of December 1572 and brought to Leiden by the sea-beggars and hanged in front of the city-hall. The end is now near for Lumey as his close friend Barthout Entens, accuses the 'Statenleden van Holland' of being traitors to their country. It was towards the 6th of January 1573 that Prince Willem requests that Lumey and Entens come to Delft for some serious discussions. As a followup Entens is arrested and the next day it is Lumey's turn to be arrested and thrown in prison. After regaining his freedom again, the role of Lumey as a main player in the fight for freedom is gradually brought down to minor roles in a struggle to drive out the mercenary forces, bankrolled by the Spanish Government under supreme command of the Duke of Alva. Finally Lumey is getting his marching orders and retires to his ancestral home in Lumen. He dies on the 1st of May 1578 in his bed, probably poisoned by Herman van Rennenberg, who afterwards was appointed Bishop of Utrecht with the support of King Philip II.

Prince Willem I of Orange is now the undisputed leader of the Dutch in their fight for freedom from Spain, aided by his lifelong friend Philips of Marnix, Lord of Saint-Aldegonde, who is credited with composing our National Anthem 'The Wilhelmus', the 15 stanza's of



which spelling out the name Willem van Nassau. This is called an 'acrostic poem' whereby the first letter of each stanza spells out the name of the title like Willem van Nassau.

Now going back a little bit in my story, it must have hurt Prince Willem badly when it was reported to him that Willem van Rennenberg

had changed sides by embracing Spanish sovereignty. Van Rennenberg was married with the Prince's sister and Stadtholder of Overijssel, a position now given to Eggerik Ripperda, the Drost of Salland in Overijssel. Salland, together with the Hanseatic city of Deventer is the most important area of the Province of Overijssel. It would be interesting for my readers to learn something of what happens when opposing forces lay siege before a walled city. Some of those sieges last a long time, so long that the money to pay the defenders and to pay for smuggled food and weaponry is running out. The city then resorts to calling up all silver and gold reserves, of the city itself and then from the churches and guilds. Silversmiths were then appointed to start minting emergency or siege money. Silverware was melted down and rolled into plate and at times gold, then cut into squares, sometimes round or octagonal. The city name was punched in, together with the value of the coin, based on its silver or gold content guaranteed by an essayers stamp. During the 16th and 17th centuries, the universally accepted coin in the Netherlands was the Guilder or Florin, subdivided in 20 Stuivers. Most of the emergency coinage was issued at

the start of the eighty-year war, in between 1572 and 1580. As a rule, siege coinage need not to be exchanged immediately for regular currency after the fighting, but could be used for paying whatever. However during the siege, these coins might have had a higher exchange value than later on, when the metal value would take over again as with the current guilders.

In case of a real emergency when silver and gold was no longer available to strike coins, emergency money in copper, lead, tin or even paper could be issued on the undertaking, that after the siege, they could be exchanged again against current coin.

As a case of interest, hereby some of the cities who issued this type of money, Haarlem and Middelburg in December 1572, Middelburg again from January to March 1574, Alkmaar September-October 1573, Leiden November 1573 — July 1574, Amsterdam January 1578 and many more cities throughout the country, including some more important ones like Breda, Zutphen and Brussels. After the year 1590 no more long sieges were taking place, because Prince Maurits had been modernizing his armies and training his soldiers with tactics, which in earlier times had been proved to be very effective and tricking the unsuspecting city defenders into a defenseless position and defeat.

Researching about money during these turbulent times in the history of the rebellious Provinces, I found an interesting item, concerning those thorns in the side of Alva, the confounded Watergeuzen. Apart from a host of pamphlets they had distributed, they also circulated a coin to be carried around the neck, fashioned like a moon-face, with on the rounded rim the logo 'Liever Turks dan Paaps', and 'En despit de la Mas', translated, 'Rather Turkish than Catholic' and 'Tot spijt van de mis'. At that time, King Phillip II was also fighting a war with the Ottoman Empire.

The lyrics of the Dutch National Anthem might have been composed either by Marnix van St Aldegonde or Dirk Coornhert, a politician and theologian. The immediate popular melody was taken from the Protestant siege of Chartres in 1568, during the French wars of Religion and based on a French soldiers- song of the time. It was used by the Watergeuzen as a war song or 'Strijdlid', first written down in 1574 and recorded in 1626 by the Dutch composer Adriaen Valerius in his book 'Nederlandsche Gedenck-Clanck'.

And so I am ending this potpourri of stories from a turbulent part of Dutch history. As a boy, playing Indians and robbers during my younger days on the streets near our homes, our only playground in those days, we at times had a sort of rommelpot competition. For the sum of five cents, we bought a bladder from the local butcher and stretched over an empty tin, it made a terrible throbbing noise when moving a stick through a narrow hole in the bladder. Let us all feel blessed that we can live in a country, far away from war, surrounded by family and friends.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number! The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I found the last Codebreaker not easy, but once I found the words "fuselage & relief" I was on my way. The April solution was:

A=16; B=7; C=26; D=4; E=2; F=25; G=18; H=5; I=23; J=1; K=22; L=9; M=8; N=11; O=10; P=17; Q=19; R=12; S=14; T=13; U=6; V=24; W=21; X=3; Y=15; Z=20.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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9			8		2	3		
	6		9					2
		4	3				6	



Sudoku - Moderate

4				6			1	5
			1				4	
3			5				7	6
	2	4					3	9
5	7						6	2
9	4	5			2			6
		3			5			
2	8			9				4

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